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Age 82 of Ypsilanti. Passed away on January 16, 2000. Beloved mother of Lawrence, Donald, and Gayle. Survived by sister Alice, 6 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. Services were held at New Jerusalem Baptist Church. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home.

Age 92, of Canton. Passed away on February 4, 2000. Dear husband of Ruth. Beloved father of Alan (Gloria) Arndt. Survived by 4 grandchildren. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Age 72, of Inkster. Passed away on January 19, 2000. Dear husband of Louise. Beloved father of Annie Ruth, and Lynette. Survived by brother Willie Lee, 6 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Services were held at

Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home.

COLLINS, RICHARD E.
 Age 93, of Ypsilanti. Passed away on January 31, 2000. Dear husband of Sophia. Survived by step-son Frank A. (Shirley) Witkowski, step-granddaughter Donna. Services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with interment at Michigan Memorial Park.

DOWDAL, JAMES A.
 Age 60, of Westland. Passed away on January 15, 2000. Beloved father of Kimberly Dowdal, Lori (Mark Bettio) Dominick, Karen Campbell, Larry (Wilma) Hahn, Ronnie Hahn, Tony Dowdal, and Jimmy (Tiffany) Hahn. Dear son of James and the late Grace. Survived by sisters Mary Jane, and Judith, and 4 grandsons. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

DUBISKY, HOWARD
 Age 88 of Romulus. Passed away on February 1, 2000. Beloved father of Harold (Sylvia) Dubisky, and Carol (Gerald) Ward. Survived by 5 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. Services were held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with interment at Michigan Memorial Park. Arrangements by Crane Funeral Home.

KAVAN, GLADYS V.
 Age 77, of Livonia. Passed away on January 29, 2000. Beloved mother of Sandra (David) Stockdale, Jeanne (Jim) Laws, Carol Dittmer, Cindi Hubbard, Jerry Raymond, and Rebecca (Eugene) Jordan. Survived by sisters Ruth, and Julie, 18 grandchildren, and 33 great grandchildren. Services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home with Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

MATTHEWS, LEROY JR.
 Age 59, of Romulus. Passed away on January 18, 2000. Dear husband of Deborah. Beloved father of Renne, Regina, Rosemary, and Trinity. Survived

by 2 grandchildren. Services were held at Parks Memorial AME Church. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home.

MILLER, MADELINE R.
 Age 83, of Westland. Passed away February 1, 2000. Beloved mother of Diane (David) Cox, step-mother of Ron (Alice) Miller, Kay (Ron) Leonard, Sue (Barry) Hiser. Survived by 4 grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren, and 16 step-great grandchildren. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements of Uht Funeral Home.

MOORE, BERTHA MAE
 Age 90, of Inkster. Passed away on January 11, 2000. Dear wife of Lewis Jackson and JC Moore. Beloved mother of Sarah, and Laura, brother Solomon, and 7 grandchildren. Services were held at New Birth Baptist Church. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home.

MURPHY, FARYLENE R.
 Age 56, of Kimberly, ID. Passed away on January 27, 2000. Beloved mother of Roxanne (Michael) Howey, Kevin Rond, and Rochelle (James) Hoak. Survived by siblings David, Denny, Virginia, Beverly, and 5 grandchildren. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home with interment at Stockton Rural Cemetery, Stockton, CA.

MYERNICK, STEPHEN J.
 Age 85, of Plymouth. Passed away on January 29, 2000. Beloved father of Richard (Doreen), and Dennis. Survived by sister Ann and granddaughter Lynn. Services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home with interment at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

O'BRECHT, IRENE E.
 Age 105, of Plymouth. Passed away on January 30, 2000. Beloved mother of Kenneth (Veronika), Thomas (Mattie), Richard O'Brecht, and Jean Bushey. Services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home with St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

O'FLYNN, KATHERINE A. (MAHER)
 Age 84, of Canton. Passed away on February 1, 2000. Beloved mother of Alice (Norm) Tybor, John Maher, Michael Maher, Martin (Cathie) Maher, and Patricia (Chuck) Andersen. Beloved step-mother of Rose Mary (Francis) Sutter, Peg O'Flynn, James (Diana) O'Flynn, and Dolores O'Flynn. Survived by 1 brother, 3 sisters, 28 grandchildren, and 18 great grandchildren. Services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

PARIS, ROSA L.
 Age 82, of Inkster. Passed away on January 4, 2000. Beloved mother of Gloria Paris, one adopted daughter, Arleen. Survived by 3 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. Services were held at New Jerusalem Baptist Church. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home.

SUITER, EDWIN R.
 Age 74, of Westland. Passed away on February 1, 2000. Dear husband of Dorothy. Beloved father of Larry and Valerie Ball (Jack). Survived by 2 grandchildren, 1 brother, and 6 sisters. Services were at Vermeulen Funeral Home.

TAYLOR, DORIS
 Age 85, of Inkster. Passed away on January 8, 2000. Survived by sister Creasie, 3 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. Services were at Womack Temple CME Church. Arrangements by Penn Funeral.

THACKERAY, ANNA MAE
 Age 69, of Sumpter Township. Passed away on January 27, 2000. Survived by siblings Norman (Carol Ann) Techow, and Isabelle McDowell, and soul mate Pete Marsh. Services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with interment at Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

THOMSON, RICHARD G.
 Age 52, of Romulus. Passed away on January 19, 2000. Dear daughter of

Edson and Alice. Survived by brothers, Ronald (Peggy), and Robert, 1 niece and 2 great nieces. Services were held at St. Alfred Catholic Church in Taylor with interment in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Hastings.

TONER, FRANCES S.
 Age 71, of Romulus. Passed away on February 4, 2000. Beloved mother of William (Karen) Toner, Robin (John) Brown, Piper (Terry) Myers, Jody Stockdale, and Shawn (Victor) Babowicz. Survived by 1 brother-in-law, and 7 grandchildren. Services were held at Crane Funeral Home with interment at Glen Eden Memorial Cemetery.

TRIPPLET, THOMAS LEE
 Age 72, of Inkster. Passed away on January 7, 2000. Survived by brother Lelon, 1 uncle, 3 nephews, and 3 nieces. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with interment at Westlawn Cemetery West.

URBANSKI, NANCY JO
 Age 57, of Canton. Passed away on January 23, 2000. Dear wife of Alfred. Beloved mother of Kathy Stone. Survived by brothers Jim (Corlea) BAuer, Ronald (Julie) Bauer, 2 step-children, 2 grandsons, and 3 step-grandchildren. Services were held at St. Mary Catholic Church with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

VANHULLE, DOLORES V.
 Age 67, of Westland. Passed away January 4, 2000. Dear wife of Giuliam (Bill). Beloved mother of Kay (Greg), Sandra, Keri (Richard), and William (Maureen). Loving daughter of Jenny. Survived by 2 brothers, 3 sisters, and 9 grandchildren. Services were held at First Baptist Church of Wayne with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

WALDSCHMIDT, DANIEL H.
 Age 57, of Wayne. Passed away on January 28, 2000. Dear husband of

Muriel. Beloved father of Jake and Megan. Services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

WALLS, CLARA W.
 Age 71, of Inkster. Passed away on January 4, 2000. Beloved mother of Denise, Christine, Darryl, and DeWayne. Survived by 13 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and 1 step-sister. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with interment at Westlawn Cemetery.

WARE, JOHN S.
 Age 81, of Van Buren Township. Passed away on January 26, 2000. Beloved father of John (Dean) Ware, and Robert (Adriane) Ware. Survived by sister Clara, and 3 grandchildren. Services were held at St. Anthony Catholic Church with interment at Hillside Cemetery. Arrangements by David C. Brown.

WORSLEY, HELENE M.
 Age 78, of Westland. Passed away on February 1, 2000. Beloved mother of Dennis (Judith), Donald (Tracy) Suzette, and Lawrence. Survived by mother-in-law Gwen, 7 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and 7 siblings. Services were at St. Mary Catholic Church. Arrangements by Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

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Sound Off

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ment. Now, according to the CNN/USA Today/Gallup, McCain is the most popular presidential candidate among likely voters nationwide.

People want reform. We will get it in Washington D.C. We get it in Westland once we recall Sharon Scott and the others who voted not to re-appoint Pat Gibbons [apparently to this caller] because her integrity got in the way of a deceptive election campaign.

Caller promises that recall election will be monitored

Tampering with, altering, changing of voter ballots, intimidation, coercion and/or arm twisting of voters is a felony. This recall will be monitored very closely, especially the absentee ballots. (Attention senior citizens.)

Politics had nothing to do with decision to pave Wayne Road

This is in response to the caller who blamed Westland's "wheeler-dealers" for choosing to pave Wayne Road before Cherry Hill.

The choice wasn't Westland's

alone. Wayne County establishes the priorities for roadwork.

If there was any politics involved, it could have only been the fault of county politicians.

Freedom, property values must be defended at all costs

As a proud homeowner, I was disturbed to read the story titled "Boy with leukemia can keep treehouse" [in the Jan. 30 Eyewitness].

This story made light of property rights, perhaps our most important rights, since our homes are major investments, often a family's largest investment.

Since defending property rights is the same as defending freedom, we must not waver in our defense of them, whether or not they are being breached by a tacky charter school targeting our neighborhoods or a by a six-year-old boy with leukemia wanting to build an unsafe treehouse against his subdivision's deed restrictions and violating his city's building code.

Property rights are no laughing matter. Open the door to standard backyard buildings and next thing you know someone will build a shack, a charter school, or a Wal-Mart next door, trashing your property values.

Attention all science nuts

Teachers will be volunteering their time to bring you the Math/Science/Technology night at Belleville High School tonight from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The informal, fun and informative evening will follow a workshop format with 20-minute mini-sessions.

A few are: polymer chemistry (make your own super ball), physics (the hidden secrets of motion), ecology (what's really in that water you drink?), math (beat, or at least learn about the Lotto odds), and computer graphics (design your own mini-animation).

The Media Center will host guided internet tours with emphasis on sites for educating the entire family. There will also be

many drop-by booths manned by juniors and seniors with amazing demonstrations. Stop and have your blood pressure checked, or you can be vacuum-packed in a garbage bag.

The Technology Department will host a robot and laser demonstration and the Business Department will show you the latest in office technology. Media Productions will show you how the school news is produced on WBHS-TV. Also, thanks to Media Productions, you could be a star as the students will be taping visitors for their new Channel 19 promotions. Come out and wish the new project well.

Dead guest found at motel

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

When the 40-year-old Canton woman missed her noon check out time Thursday and didn't answer calls, Motel 6's manager entered the room and discovered her still body.

He spoke to her but she did not answer him or respond to his voice or touch.

The manager called 911. Canton police officers and paramedics responded to the motel on Ford Road near I-275.

The rescuers arrived at 1:41 p.m. and pronounced the woman dead at the scene.

Canton detectives and evidence technicians arrived at the room to investigate the death and gather evidence.

The woman was taken to the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office, where an autopsy was performed.

The cause of death is pending; however, Canton police said that there does not appear to be any signs of foul play.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 1, 2000

Supervisor Foster called the meeting to order in the Board Room at 7:30 p.m. Present: Foster, King, Budd, Clark, Hart, Herman and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Director of Development Kelley, Pubic Safety Director Perkins, Deputy Public Safety Director Smolen, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Payne and an audience of seven (7).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: King moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of January 10, 2000, as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Clark seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2000, as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Clark moved, Herman seconded to approve Resolution 2000-04, Annual Block Party and Road Closure Permit. Carried.

Hart moved, King seconded to approve Resolution 2000-05, Poverty Exemption Guidelines for the Charter Township of Van Buren 2000 Board of Review. Carried.

Budd moved, Clark seconded to approve extending without penalty the collection of the 1999 winter taxes through Tuesday, February 29, 2000. Carried.

King moved, Hart seconded to approve the specifications for lawn cutting and maintenance contract for the 2000 season as presented and to advertise and seek bids for these services. Carried.

King moved, Herman seconded to approve the lot split of parcel V 125-83-018-02-0131-000, Lot 131 of the Supervisor's Van Buren Plat No. 3, as outlined in the memo from the parcel division board dated January 13, 2000, specifically items numbered 1 through 6 in the memo. Carried.

Herman moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the request from Miss Dig [System, Inc.] to amend Article III of the September 15, 1997 Master Membership Agreement between Van Buren Township and Miss Dig System Inc. and to authorize the Supervisor to execute the amendment. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Clark seconded to approve the February 1, 2000 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2000. Absentee ballots are available and requests for ballots are currently being processed by the Clerk's Office.

Approximately 700 ballots have been mailed thus far. In addition, the Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, February 19, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Finally, anyone interested in serving as an election inspector is asked to contact the Clerk's Office at 699-8909. Election inspectors must be registered voters in the State of Michigan.

The Belleville Area Museum is preparing for the Quilt Show. The Quilt Show will be on display the entire month of March. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Museum is also preparing for a "Celebration of the 20th Century Display". Beginning April 1, 2000 the Museum will begin collecting items developed during the 20th century and compare them to items of today. Some of the items they are looking for include a wringer washer, a hair dryer with a bonnet, an 8-track tape player, transistor radio, a floor model radio, TV guides, food advertisements and much more. If you are interested in loaning an item to the museum, please call 697-1944 for additional information and a complete list of items.

Supervisor Foster stated that Director Cipko and Director Ross are at conference and will be accepting an award from the Michigan Recreation and Park Association for the computer camp program. They will provide a report on the Lakeshore Expo at the next Board Meeting.

The Marshmallow Drop sponsored by the Recreation Department will be held on April 15, 2000, and the September Days Senior Center will also be hosting a craft show from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Crafters are asked to call the Senior Center at 699-8919 for additional information.

The Father-Daughter Dance is sold out. However, many other programs and events are available through the Recreation Department. Contact the Recreation Department at 699-8921.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Budd seconded to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Carried.
Respectfully submitted,

Helen Foster, CMFA

Cindy C. King, CMC
Township Clerk
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

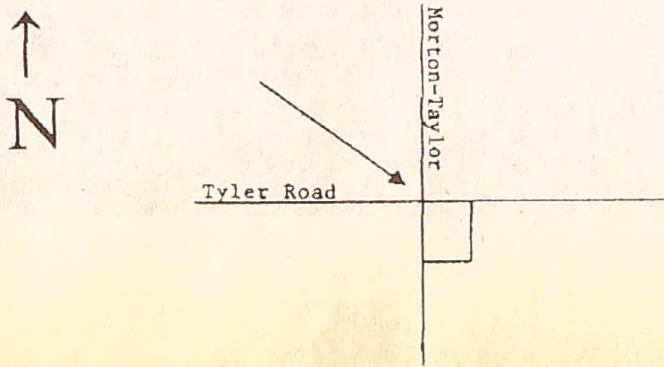
The Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, March 8, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111.

This Public Hearing relates to the following described properties:

Parcels of land in the northwest quarter of Section 14, parcel numbers V 125-83-054-99-0012-000, V 125-83-054-99-0013-000, V 125-83-054-99-0016-002, V 125-83-054-99-0016-003. Property located on the southeast corner of Morton Taylor and Tyler Roads.

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, 6-2-92, as amended by amending the zoning map as follows:

From R-1C (Single Family Residential) District to C (Local Business) District.



Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the American Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

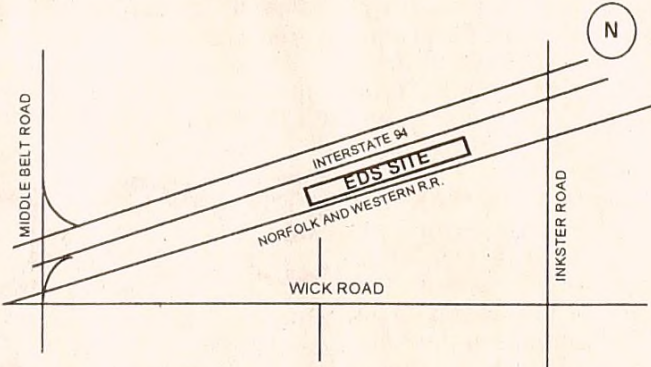
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NOTICE OF INFORMAL HEARING HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE REVIEW BOARD

Michigan's Hazardous Waste Site Review Board (SRB) hereby gives notice that an informal hearing will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2000, to evaluate the proposed Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) hazardous waste management facility.

EDS submitted an application to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a permit to construct a hazardous waste storage and treatment facility at 28470 Citrin Drive in Romulus, Michigan. The application was submitted to satisfy the requirements under Part 111, Hazardous Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451).

The proposed facility would accept liquid hazardous waste from off-site generators for disposal in deep injection wells. Prior to disposal in the deep injection wells, the wastes would be stored in tanks and containers and treated in tanks. The site for the proposed facility is approximately 15 acres in size and is shown on the map below:



The Part 111 of Act 451 construction permit application is for the storage and treatment of hazardous wastes prior to disposal in the deep injection wells. The deep injection wells have already been permitted under the federal Underground Injection Control Program and under Part 625, Mineral Wells, of Act 451; they are not subject to the Part 111 of Act 451 construction permit requirements.

The DEQ completed its review of the application and referred it to the SRB for consideration in August 1999. The SRB must evaluate the potential impact that the proposed facility could have on the environment and on the local community. After completing its review, the SRB must recommend whether the DEQ should issue or deny the construction permit.

The SRB held a public hearing to receive comments on the proposal, and it is now evaluating those comments and the proposal at a series of informal

hearings. The SRB will discuss the proposal during the informal hearings, and will call upon local officials, EDS, the DEQ, and others for additional testimony on disputed issues. In addition, the SRB may devote a limited portion of each informal hearing to public comments.

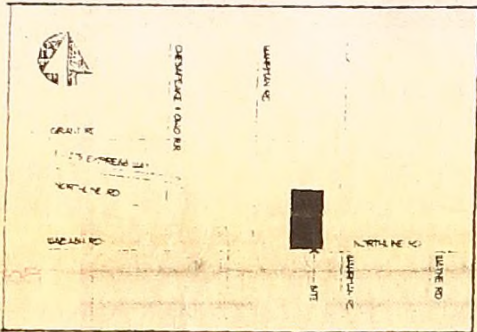
The informal hearing will be held at the Romulus High School Auditorium, 9650 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this hearing should contact Mr. Steve Silver at the address below, or at 517-373-1976, at least a week in advance of the hearing to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

The application may be reviewed at the Romulus Public Library located at 11121 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan; at the DEQ's Southeast Michigan District Office located at 38980 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan (contact Ms. Bonnie Pavloske at 734-953-1408); and at the DEQ's Waste Management Division Office located on the First Floor of the John A. Hannah Building, 608 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan (contact Mr. Steve Silver at 517-373-1976).

Requests, comments, and questions regarding the application and review process should be addressed to Mr. Steve Silver, Waste Management Division, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741.

CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised, that the City of Romulus Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Wednesday, February 23, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of the meeting is to consider PC-2000-007, a request for Special Use Land Approval for air freight forwarding located on 16.85 +/- acres located on the north side of Northline Road between Wahrman and Wayne Roads (DP#s 080 99 0027 000, 080 99 0028 000 & 080 99 0029 000) in an M-1 (Light Industrial) zoned district.



All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 23, 2000 and should be addressed to Bradley Raymond, Director, Building, Safety and Engineering Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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NOTICE OF ELECTION To the Qualified Electors of VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP - WAYNE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that a PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following Polling Locations:

Precinct	Location/Address
01	FIRE STATION #1 130 Fourth St.
02	FIRE STATION #2 45581 Ecorse Rd.
03	TYLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 42200 Tyler Rd.
04	BHS AUDITORIUM 501 W. Columbia
05	SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL 45201 Owen St.
06	BHS AUDITORIUM 501 W. Columbia
07	TOWNSHIP HALL 46425 Tyler Rd.
08	NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL 47097 McBride St.
09	HAGGERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 13770 Haggerty Rd.

Candidate for the following offices will be voted upon:

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111, 734-699-8909. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the February 22, 2000, Presidential Primary is Saturday, February 19, 2000, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Township Clerk's office.

Cindy C. King, CMC
Township Clerk

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February 17, 2000

Local HAPPENINGS

YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

LINCOLN DAY RALLY for Wayne County's 13th Republican Committee will be held at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Double Tree Hotel, 31500 Wick Road in Romulus. Michigan state leaders, local state officials and the current GOP presidential hopefuls have been invited to attend. Cost to attend is \$5 per family. A separate Republican reception program costing \$100 will begin at 6 p.m. at the same hotel. For more information call Tom Hickey at 734-455-7110.

DIRECTORS NEEDED for the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association's girls Instructional League (7 to 8 year olds) and Junior League (11 to 13 year olds). For more information call Ray Barnes at 734-981-5170.

RAILROADIANA Buy and swap toys and trains from noon to 4 p.m. March 5th at SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer Road in Westland. To pre-register for tables, call Norm Swope 595-8327. Admission is \$2 per person or \$4 per family.

BARBIE FASHION SHOW returns at 11 a.m. Feb. 13 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth. Admission is \$5 with children between the ages of four to 12 allowed in for \$2. For more information call 734-455-2110.

SINGLE MINGLE DANCE every Wednesday from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Warren Chateau Banquet Center at 10 Mile Road, one block east of Mound in Warren. No Jeans. Cost is \$5. Hotline is 313-842-0443.

AFTER DINNER DANCES every Sunday from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Warren Chateau Banquet Center, 10 Mile Road, one block east of Mound in Warren. Cost is \$5. Hot line is 313-842-0443.

DONATE WEDDING GOWNS to the Making Memories Breast Cancer Foundation. Gowns will be sold to fulfill memories and last wishes of metastatic breast cancer patients. Collection will continue through March 1 at the Women's Health Boutique, 26612 Southfield Road in Lathrup Village. Call 248-552-0606 for more information.

ROMULUS HIGH REUNION for the class of 1970 is slated for Aug. 26, 2000. For more information call Gail (Howie) Curaba at 734-697-1763, Roy and Cathy (Miank) Syndlar at 734-699-3139 or Jim Wagner at 734-699-9050.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (particularly men and minorities) to serve on the Wayne County Foster Care Review Board, which meets only one day a month to review a representative sample of cases of children, who have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect. Interested parties should call 517-373-1956. Deadline is Jan. 31, 2000.

DUMB WAITER AND MORE will open Feb. 11 at the On-



Capitol Scholars

State Representative Raymond Basham (D-Taylor) welcomes three area high school students to Lansing for a day's viewing of legislative activities. From left are Joseph Reed of Romulus High School, John Rogers of Truman High School of Taylor, Basham and James Fink of Kennedy High School of Taylor.

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Stage Theatre on the Outer Drive Campus of the University of Detroit Mercy. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets cost \$10 with \$2 discounts for senior citizens. For more information call 313-993-1130.

INKSTER TEEN HEALTH CENTER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL meets at 9:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the center located at 29193 Beech St. in Inkster. Contact person is Eunice Johnson at 734-729-8336.

BREAKING STRESS WITH HUMOR a talk by Carol Green will be presented at 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road. The program is being co-sponsored by the Business and Professional Women and the Wayne Public Library. Call library at 734-721-7832 for more information.

FREE TAX HELP FROM THE IRS Pamela Roberson of the IRS will assist patrons with their income tax forms at the Romulus Public Library from noon to 4 p.m. on Feb. 5 and every other Saturday. Her expertise centers on child care credits, credits for the elderly and earned income credits. Roberson will help patrons on a first come/first serve basis.

FIGURE DRAWING SESSIONS draw from a live model (no instructor) at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Shelton Rd. in Plymouth. Purchase a package of all four sessions for \$28 (third Friday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 17 and May 19. Single session cost is \$9 with no registration necessary. For more information call Be-

tsy Calhoun or Patti Delapaz at 734-416-4278.

WESTERN WAYNE AA MEETINGS are held at noon and 6 p.m. every day at 36726 Goddard Road in Romulus. All Anon meetings are conducted at 1:30 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. On Saturdays open talk and pot lucks are conducted. For more information call Bill M. at 734-229-9436.

BELLEVILLE HIGH 20TH YEAR REUNION for the Class of 1980 will be conducted on Sept. 16, 2000. For more information or to update your address call Sandra Sienko Lenox at (248) 647-5307, John Losen at 313-520-4720 or Ena Lynette Weathers at 734-485-2455. Or mail information to the BHS Class of 1980, P.O. Box 1980, Belleville, MI. 48112.

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA general meeting is slated for 7 p.m. Feb. 14 at 9318 Newburgh Road (between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail). Guest speaker will be Dr. and RN Lynn Carpenter, who will address the veteran alert on Hepatitis C. The public is welcome. For more information call Don Dignan at 313-845-3752 (work) or 734-525-0157 (home).

THINK TRIM, BE TRIM, STAY TRIM all day seminar will be offered at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 19. Program is headed by Lorraine Stefano, ACSW, founder of Think Trim. Cost is \$62. To register call Focus on Women Program at 313-845-9629.

ABRAHAM TO SPEAK The Canton Economic Club Luncheon will feature U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham. The luncheon is slated for noon Feb. 18 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Cost is \$15 for a Canton Chamber of Commerce member and \$20 for non members. Reservations are needed by Feb. 16. Call 734-453-4040.

CANTON LIBERTY FEST ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW is slated for June 24-25 at Heritage Park in Canton Township. More than 120 booths will be on display. Call Smetanka Shows at 810-658-0440 for more information.

WAYNE COIN CLUB SHOW featuring coins, paper money, stamps, books, collectables and supplies will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 5 at the Wayne Community Center, corner of Howe and Annapolis Roads. Show is free and will include 40 bourse dealers and door prizes.

IMPROVE BOATING SKILLS with a 10 week safe boating course offered by the Wyandotte Power Squadron. The course is designed for those 12 and older. Classes begin at 7 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Copland Center, 2306 Fourth St. in Wy-

andotte. This is a \$30 charge to cover the course manual. Ownership of a boat is not mandatory. Call 313-291-9861 for more information.

RIVERS COFFEE HOUR is slated for 2:30 p.m. Feb. 21 in Sumpter Township at the Tin Pan Saloon at 19350 Sumpter Road. All constituents of the 13th Congressional District are encouraged to stop by. Call Deborah Johnson at 734-485-3741 for more information.

VALENTINES DANCE hosted by Denim and Lace is slated for 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Notre Dame Knights of Columbus, 35100 Van Born Road. Cost is \$10. For more information call 734-729-6073.

SPORTS CARD SHOWS are slated March 3, 4 and 5 at the Gibraltar Trade Center, Inc. at 15525 Racho Road in Taylor. Show hours are from noon to 9 p.m. on March 3, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 4 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 5. For details call 734-287-2000.

BRIDAL SHOWS are slated March 24, 25 and 26 at the Gibraltar Trade Center in Taylor. Shows are from noon to 9 p.m. March 24, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 25 and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 26. For details call 734-287-2000.

WESTLAND CHAMBER JOBS FAIR is slated from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 29 at the Westland Shopping Center.

VALENTINES' DANCE ladies will be greeted at door with a long stem red rose at Burton Manor in Livonia. Doors open at 8 p.m. Early admission is \$4 (before 8:30 p.m.) and \$6 after. For more information call 734-981-0909.

CARMEN HARLAN ROAST as a cancer benefit is slated for 6 p.m. March 4 at the Roostertail Supper Club in Detroit. Silent auction begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. and the roast of the Channel 4 Anchor Woman at 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$100. Call 1-800-527-6266.

WE LOVE BARBIE FASHION

Discounted pet shots available

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The annual Romulus Animal Shelter's pet inoculation program is slated from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 26 at the old Department of Public Works building, 36451 Bibbins.

Animal Control Officer Kim Matthews revealed discount inoculations will be offered at that time for dogs, cats and ferrets owned by both Romulus and out-of-town residents.

At the same time, Romulus residents will also be able to purchase their pet licenses. Matthews said the cost for

dog vaccinations is \$5 for one year rabies, \$10 for three year rabies, \$15 for a five ailment shot, \$25 to have a microchip inserted and \$15 for an anti-lyme disease shot.

Cat and ferret vaccinations cost \$5 for one year rabies and \$15 for distemper.

Romulus dog license fees are: neutered \$3 for one year, \$5 for two years and \$8 for three years.

For intact dogs the cost is \$7 for one year, \$12 for two years and \$15 for three years.

Senior citizen discounts are also available.

For more information call Christine at 734-942-6851.

SHOW is slated for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. in Plymouth. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children from four to 12 years old. For more information call 734-455-2110.

HEALTH CARE POLICY IN AMERICA U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers (D-13th Dist.) is hosting a forum on health care at 7 p.m. Feb. 22 at Washtenaw Community College's Morris Lawrence Building Room 101, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. in Ann Arbor. For more information call 734-485-3741.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSE for prospective students will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday March 25 in the Take 5 Lounge on campus. For more information call admission's office at 734-432-5339.

RIVERS COFFEE HOUR is slated for 8:30 a.m. Feb. 28 at Leon's Family Dining, 303 S. Wayne Road in Westland. All

constituents of the 13th Congressional District are encouraged to stop by. Call Deborah Johnson at Rivers' Ypsilanti office at 734-485-3741 for more information.

NURSING WORKSHOP OFFERED at Madonna University in Livonia from 4:30 to 7 p.m. March 31 and later will conclude on April 1 with hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. To register call 734-432-5731.

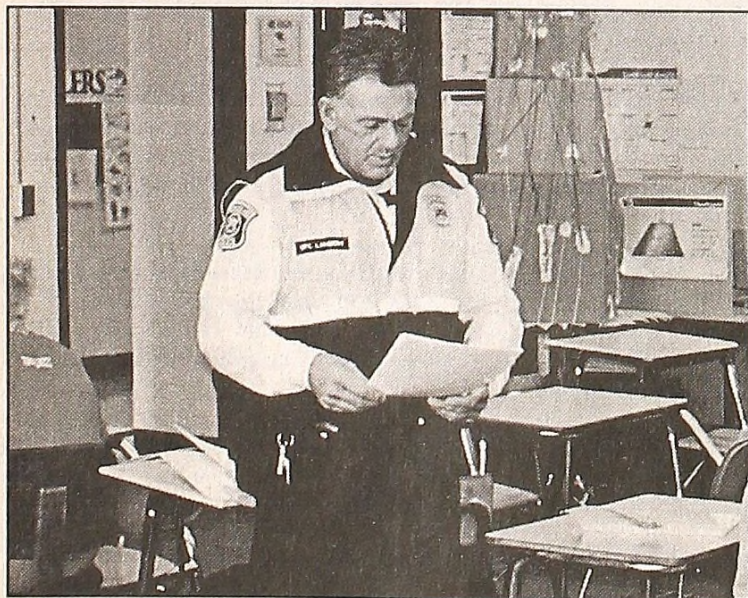
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED now through March 20 for Madonna University's 2000-2001 academic year. Applications may be obtained by calling 734-432-5663.

RELAY FOR LIFE KICKOFF RECEPTION for the Plymouth Canton area will begin at 6 p.m. March 6 at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. For more information call 248-483-4333.



Skin of our Teeth

Adam Antrobus (Randy Barrett Topper) and his housekeeper Sabina (Angela M. Hogue) battle to keep warm through the Ice Age in Thornton Wilder's *The Skin of Our Teeth* at the Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre. The play will be offered weekends from Feb. 25 through March 5 at the theatre located at 3424 Woodward Ave. south of Mack) in Detroit. For tickets call 313-577-2960. MCN Special Photo



GREAT returns

Romulus Police Officer Alan Lambert -- who also serves as a Romulus School trustee -- checks over the classwork of Alternative School students. The program developed in Phoenix, Ariz., is known as Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT). It seeks to eliminate students' interest in joining teen gangs. The program began in Romulus several years ago and then was discontinued for several years and now has been revived here. MCN Special Photo

CALENDAR FORM

The Michigan Community Newspapers want to assist you in publicizing your upcoming event. Carefully fill in the following information form and mail it to the Community Calendar, c/o the Michigan Community Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. 48184. You may also fax the item to 313-729-6088. Deadline is the Friday before publication. Call 729-4000, ext. 43 for further information.

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People in the news

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

People in the news...

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Jaren Caliph Carble, son of Michelle R. Galvan and Caliph Gamal Carble of Wayne, was born on Dec. 29, 1999 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He weighed seven pounds and 14 ounces and measured 21 inches at birth. His grandparents include: Micklene and Hugh McKenzie of Westland and Aldridge and Greer Carble of Inkster. His great-grandparents are Audrey and Richard Chaffin of Wayne, Ernestise Robinson of Westland and Willis Carble of Inkster. His great-great grandmother is Edna Smith of Westland.

Patricia Anne Eller, daughter of Michael and Penny Eller of Dearborn Heights, was born Dec. 11, 1999 at Annapolis Center of Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. She weighed seven pounds and five ounces at birth. She has brown hair and blue eyes. Her grandparents include Dennis and Kathy Zuccaro of Canton and Dorothy and Rick Eller of Southgate.

Irum Chaudhry, son of Sughran Kakli and Chaudhry Yaour of Wayne, was born Dec. 14, 1999 at Annapolis Center of Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. He weighed seven pounds and six ounces at birth and has black hair and eyes. He joins siblings, Muhammad Chaudhry and Kiran Yaour, at home. His grandparents include Chaudhry Ali Muhammad and Chandan Chaudhry of Pakistan.

Merry Lynne Patterson, daughter of Melanie Laginess and Eric Patterson of Belleville, was born Jan. 7, 2000 at St. Joseph Hospital. She weighed six pounds and 14 ounces at birth and measured 19 inches. Her grandparents include: Merry Lynne White and Jacqueline Patterson.



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Commander-in-chief visits

Jhon W. Smart, national commander-in-chief of the Veteran of Foreign Wars, second from left, visited Michigan recently for the 21st annual mid-winter conference in Lansing. Also in the photo are from left: VFW Auxiliary 3323 President Janis Hall, Smart, Fourth District Commander Bob Black and Fourth District President Cathy Davis. MCN Special Photo

Westland doctor serves on major disaster unit

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Dr. Karl Bandlien - who has offices in Westland - now is the unit commander of the Michigan Disaster Medical Assistance Team. That team is a volunteer organization that is a branch of the National Disaster Medical System that responds to areas where the local system is overwhelmed and where President Clinton has declared a national emergency. "Our team was one of the first to reach Level 1 status," he said, "which means we are equipped and trained to function independently for 72 hours without being resupplied." He added "we resemble a MASH unit as we can provide our own shelter and generate light, heat, air-conditioning and even purify water." While he is a general surgeon, he also works in emergency services at St. John NorthEast Community Hospital in Detroit. Dr. Bandlien assisted when the Michigan team was deployed to South Carolina for Hurricane Floyd. The team also was sent to the Olympics in Atlanta when terrorists struck in 1996, as well as when earthquakes struck in California. The unit also responded statewide when tornadoes struck Detroit and when a Co-

mair plane incident occurred in 1997. "We move in quickly," he said, "stabilize patients and move them to nearby hospitals as soon as possible." About 100 persons are on each team so that at least 35 team members can be deployed in less than six hours. Such disaster deployments - with transportation supplied by military planes - can last up to 10 days. The team consists of doctors, pharmacists, mental health practitioners, communication specialists, nurses, etc. Dr. Bandlien said his most rewarding experience was when his team was sent to



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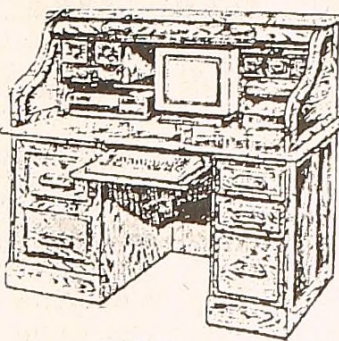
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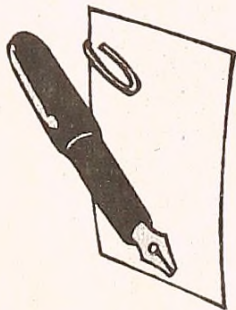


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Gibbons would not have been fired if elected by people

Last week on this page MCN editor, Ivan Helfman, hit the nail on the head when he advocated a city manager form of government for Westland. The strong mayor form, which city residents currently enjoy or hate, allows for political favoritism to rule. In other words, the elected mayor has all the clout, whereas in a city manager form, a trained, educated city manager runs the show, although he or she is hired or fired by the city council.

In Westland, all the clout is in the hands of Robert Thomas, mayor, and his hand-picked majority on the city council — Trav Griffin, David Cox, Sharon Scott and David James. Their latest strong arm move came a couple of weeks ago when they fired City Clerk Pat Gibbons, who many claim did a fine job, but made one fatal mistake: her office filed an election grievance against Griffin and Cox for printing a campaign mailer on clerk's stationery.

Obviously, the Thomas camp didn't like to be embarrassed in such a manner, so they fired Clerk Gibbons. Despite the cries and protest from angry citizens, there were in their right to give her the heave-ho. She reports to the council, and the council majority can fire her.

Many of us, however, think the firing is an abuse of power. If indeed Gibbons was negligent in her duties, which is why Griffin claims she was fired, the council ought to make public their reasons for letting her go. If Westland was run professionally by a city manager, chances are good Gibbons would still be in office.

But don't hold your breath. No one is advocating a city manager form of government either than Ivan and I. One charter change that could be the next best solution would be to

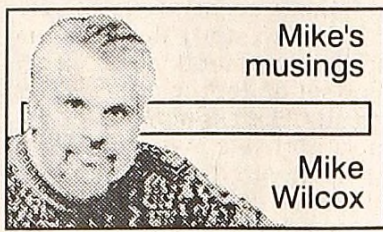
elect the city clerk. It is rare, indeed, to have this important full-time position report to the city council. Why not make the position independent and allow the people to choose who they want in that position?

An elected clerk works extremely well in neighboring Livonia and Canton. There the clerk's position is only second in importance to the mayor or supervisor. They run independently and their offices are independent of the council and other elected officials. An angry mayor or council cannot fire the clerk because her constituency is the electorate.

This charter change does have support. Council persons Anderson and LeBlanc have both spoken publicly for an elected clerk. There has even been talk of getting on the May 9 ballot, but don't expect that to happen. The Thomas majority is not interested in acting on this issue because, again, it would be talking power away from the mayor and his council buddies.

No, I'm afraid we are stuck with the current form that allows the mayor and others to reward friends and campaign contributors and damage if not destroy those that dare speak out. Pat Gibbons is one of the destroyed. She pointed out an illegal campaign activity. Instead of the culprits being punished, they turn around and fire the whistle-blower.

This likely wouldn't happen in a city manager form of government. This wouldn't happen if the people elected the clerk. Think about it.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox

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Forget the prosecutor, get lie detector

Rumor has it that O.J. flunked a lie detector test, but we'll never know. The courts don't admit polygraph test results as evidence.

Nevertheless, lie detector tests have their uses.

Cops use them to question suspects. Canton police recently offered one to Terry Lee Barnhart, the Canton High School security guard suspected of rape.

Some corporations require employees to take them for violations of corporate code.

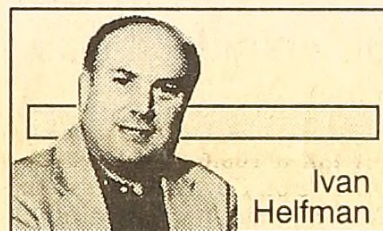
Who knows, pretty soon polygraph tests will be administered to spouses who come home late.

Despite only seeing lie detectors in the movies, I believe they work because, not just because O.J. supposedly flunked one, but because I believe that body language doesn't lie. A woman crosses her legs to flirt. A man rearranges his tie. A angry person squints and bares teeth. A liar rubs a nose and looks away.

Similarly, a polygraph picks up the telltale signs of lies from changes in blood pressure, breathing, and pulse beat, I believe.

I bring this up because I also believe that a polygraph test and a wager would be a better way than a Wayne County Prosecutor's Office investigation to get to the bottom of the mess in Westland.

At the request of Westland



Ivan Helfman

Councilmen Glenn Anderson and Richard LeBlanc, the prosecutor is investigating whether council members David Cox, Trav Griffin, David James, and Sharon Scott met in secret to plan the ouster of popular Clerk Pat Gibbons and her temporary replacement by former Clerk Diane Fritz, who worked on Cox, Griffin, and James's recent election campaigns. The secret vote would have been a violation of the state's Open Meeting Act.

I would prefer a polygraph test because, unlike the investigation, it will be quick and conclusive. In a matter of a few hours, we would reach a conclusion, and the city council could get back to business.

The investigation, on the other hand, will be dealing with circumstantial evidence, unless a surprise witness (Mayor Bob Thomas? Planning Commissioner Justine Barns? A fly on the wall?) surfaces. No matter how likely it seems that the four council members conspired in secret, nobody knows for sure except the suspects. Nobody else can prove or

disprove what happened.

Even if somehow the four are convicted of violating the Act, the maximum penalty is only \$1,000, not much of a punishment, especially not for politicians who spent ten times that amount to get elected.

My alternative would be for Anderson and LeBlanc to drop their charges in return for a polygraph test with \$1,000 side bets.

Any suspect who flunked the test would have to pay for the test and fork over \$1,000 to Anderson and LeBlanc. Any suspect who passed the test would receive \$1,000 from Anderson and LeBlanc, and the pair would have to pay for that suspect's test.

That way, Anderson and LeBlanc would not get a free ride; they would have to put their money where their mouths are. If the polygraph indicated that their allegations were false, then the suspects would be compensated.

To me, a situation where all sides would have to step forward and be accountable for their deeds is morally preferable to one side turning a Westland problem over to a Wayne County prosecutor.

A polygraph test and wager will settle the matter quickly and, if the losing side repents, offer this two-month old council a new beginning.

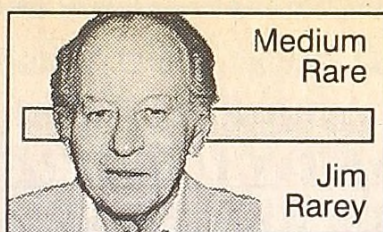
Separation of power provides best checks and balances

The U.S. Constitution, the powers of the national (federal) government are divided among three branches; legislative (Congress), executive (the president) and judicial (the courts). Each branch has a check on the powers of the other two.

Most states and local governments have emulated the federal model. At the local level, city councils make the laws and control the purse strings; a mayor enforces the laws and runs the city government. The powers of the courts are controlled by state legislatures.

That's the way it works in theory. In practice, the lines of authority have become blurred at all levels of government. The Congress is struggling with the concept of "executive orders" issued by the executive, which the president claims have the force of law in areas not restricted to the operation of the executive branch.

At the state level, turf battles also rage between governors and legislatures. However, it is at the local level where the situation has really become muddled. Some



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

cities, e.g. Belleville and Inkster among others, have adopted a "city manager" form of government where the council not only makes the laws, it controls (hires and fires) the person who administers the laws and runs the city. Thus both the legislative and executive powers are concentrated in the hands of a few persons (a majority of the council). This runs counter to the founding fathers' intent to disperse those powers between two branches of government, each of which is elected by the people and accountable directly to the voters.

In another anomaly, the City of Westland has placed the office of City Clerk, whose duties are basically administrative, under the purview of the council. The newly elected majority on the council

has created a public issue by firing the City Clerk. Aside from the issue of whether or not the four council members violated the Open Meetings Act, the question to be answered is whether or not legislators should control the important functions of that office. In most cities, the office is elective. A minority on the council wants to put that question to the voters. It will be interesting to see if even one of the "new majority" has the integrity to let the people decide.

Our founding fathers conceded that a dictatorship (the concentration of power in the hands of a few) was more efficient than a government where powers were diffused with checks and balances in place. However, they also knew that liberty couldn't flourish in the absence of those checks and balances. They chose liberty over efficiency.

Note - This column was written before the Westland City Council voted on the proposal to call for an election to change the city's charter to make the city clerk an elected position.

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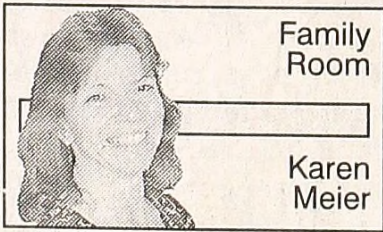
Sky's the limit for all of us

Wasn't that lunar eclipse last week a neat thing?

That huge moon in shadow and all those earthly eyes gazing heavenward at it? Second grade Joe was the only one who came outside with me that night; the rest stayed inside looking out from the comfort of furnace heat and insulated window glass.

Joe asked a million questions as only an eight year old can. I had some answers for him, but most of them began with, "Well, hmmm. I'm not sure but, hmmm, I think, no, that's not right, maybe," and so on. Not helpful. But I'd anticipated this. That's why I'd taken him and three of his brothers to the library earlier that day.

I drove them to the library as soon as they'd eaten a quick after-school snack. Before we left, though, I made double sure the



Family Room

Karen Meier

double stroller was in the back of the big van. The stroller is a necessity for all library jaunts, school jaunts, dentist jaunts, going-most-anywhere-jaunts really. Anywhere there are no carts or extra arms to carry the little ones.

Oh sure, I've carried both Stevie and Tommy at the same time, one in one arm, the other in the other, into plenty of places, but it's quite awful really because I wind up forgetting whatever it was I went in to get because I get all discombobulated juggling and overheating in my winter coat and if I

do remember what it was I was going to get I can't get it because my arms are too full; I simply can't hang on to anything more. And so, that is why I make sure the stroller is in the back of the van.

So anyway, to the library we went. I wheeled Stevie and Tommy in, Joe and Jack followed and the moon research commenced. Joe buckled right down finding the moon books. Jack found his way to the "beginning reader" books where he found no fewer than 16 favorites. Stevie and Tommy, safely tucked in the stroller near where Joe and I stood, browsed the third tier of shelves, occasionally "selecting" a book. Steve found one, Space Exploration, which intrigued him. He looked through it carefully, page after page, sitting there in his stroller, studying the wonders of

the vast universe. He looked so contemplative the entire time, right up to the moment he fell asleep letting the opened book droop down across his chest and arms.

We brought our books to the check-out counter — the four boys and I had stars, planets, the moon, rocket ships, the whole universe in our arms.

I stood there in the middle of an Earth Thursday in the public library with four of my six children by my side, the two youngest with their Down syndrome, and our stack of nearly 40 space books. And it occurred to me then, hours before that total eclipse of the moon, when we bound to this earth would look heavenward, that although we're here, with our gravity and our other limitations, the sky really and truly is the limit. For all of us.

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Letters from our readers

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Open letter: Barns deserved better

To the Editor:

I have deliberated for one week about writing this letter and finally felt compelled to voice my frustration. The dis-appointing behavior towards the appointment of Justine Barns to the Planning Commis-sion at the City Council Meet-ing (Tuesday, January 18, 2000) is, in my opinion, inexcusable. Not only did the loud negative remarks from hecklers indi-cate a lack of common cour-tesy, but it sets a very poor example for others. What is even more appalling is the blat-ant disrespect for someone who has dedicated her life to public service on the state level, not to mention what she has done for this city.

Justine Barns has served as State Representative and, in office, took on such respon-sibilities as: getting the money back (a more than significant amount) that Governor Engler was planning to take away from Westland for the library; serving on the State Senior Re-tirement Committee; being in-strumental in keeping a new prison out of Westland; and ac-complished tasks too nu-merous to mention.

Justine continues to give to the community even though here elected public office car-er is over. Her choice not to run again should have gained her more respect, as she ended her public service with dignity, integrity, and a commendable record - which is more than you can say for some of her col-leagues. Although she has cho-sen not to run as an elected official, she is willing to serve in an appointed position. She is giving her leftover campaign funds to various groups within the city (the D.A.R.E. Program, the library, Fire Depart-ment for public awareness, the YMCA, the Senior Resources Department, and the Westland Foundation). She deserves so much more than the embar-rassing moment she was forced to endure due to total lack of consideration and re-spect for her decades of hard work. As a city employee, tax-payer, and someone who has worked to better the lives of those in the community, I un-derstand the hard work and dedication it takes to make changes and overcome obsta-cles. We should be thankful for Justine, and I am ashamed of the behavior that indicates that we are not.

Although many comments were disturbing to me during the course of the evening, the last disturbing incident oc-curred when I was leaving the council meeting. Glenn Ander-son, in a louder than conversa-tional tone, said to me: "Sylvia, this is what you did with the election!" First of all, I did nothing with the election, as I only vote once just like every-one else. The taxpayers voted and selected the candidates! I am flattered that Glenn must actually believe I wield the power to plunk a chosen candi-date into office, but I do not. Secondly, I feel Glenn is dis-gruntled that all the candi-dates he backed did not win. Oh well. Richard LeBlanc was kind enough to refrain from sarcastic comments, but in-stead chose to give me a look of pure disdain. Although Sandra Cicirelli voted with Glenn and Richard on the city clerk issue, she, on the other hand was the picture of absolute profes-sionalism and conducted her-self in a way in which we can all be proud.

Any perceived political bad behavior seems not only to originate from the politicians themselves, but also from a skewed viewpoint portrayed by both newspapers. I was sur-prised when it stated in the pa-pers that the building was packed, insinuating it was packed with supporters for Gibbons. Yes, there were peo-ple there to support Pat, but many were there for other rea-sons. Children (and their par-ents and grandparents) were there to do the Pledge of Alleg-iance; City Attorney and his staff were there for appoint-ment renewal; the city audi-tors were present; other appointees were present as well as those who were on the regular agenda and other citi-zens. The meeting the papers described, in general, seemed

to take on too many of the char-acteristics of a political set-up to suit me.

I wonder how much of this recent situation is being used for the benefit of personal po-litical gain. The display that was put on for everyone cer-tainly gained an enormous amount of attention. I am cu-rious how much is concern and how much is show.

I, for one have witnessed many years (40) of political de-bate and intrigue in the city. I can only say that while politics aren't likely to change anytime soon, I sure would like to see all of the role models in our city treat each other fairly and respectfully. They need to re-alize that when election time is over, like it or not, they must put differences aside and work as a team. This must be done in order to better serve the people in this community. Re-member, "United we stand - di-vided we fall."

Sincerely,
Sylvia A. Kozorosky-Wiacek

Students need pen pals

To the Editor:

I am a fourth grade student at Hillside Intermediate School in Bridgewater, New Jersey. I am doing a research project on your state and I need information. Would you please publish the enclosed letter in your newspaper? Ev-eryone in our class in studying a different state, and it is our goal to collect postcards and information from all over the United States.

Thank you for your help.
Sincerely,
Ms. Katsampes's Class

Resident wants to preseve Phyllis St. neighborhood

To the Editor:

I am a resident of Wayne, and live on Phyllis St. between Fourth and Chamberlain. At least two of my neighbors have sent letters that have been ig-nored. Please don't ignore this.

They want to take away part of our lives, our own back-yards, our privacy, our sense of family and security.

For us, it is like taking one of our limbs, our backyard is our oasis from such a hectic pace, filled with countless hours of the labors of love, of many dollars, and what I can put of nature into that space.

Our grandchildren play there, free and safe, I can relax in the sun without worry, the only noises of distant traffic, and the occasional song of a cardinal or finch, or the whir of hummingbird wings in a flurry.

We have what we call "a pri-vate patio", back of the garage, stones laid by our hands, plants and trees grown, Wist-eria creeping over our head, cushioned chairs and a glider, sitting there can make you feel peacefully alone, if this hap-pens, that feeling will be no more.

Our award-winning gar-dens, part of them pictured on the news' homestyle front page once, will be over-shadowed.

And our new sunroom fac-ing the back, full of light, plants...delightful! We sit and watch the finches and chick-adees, but, this will also be no more.

See, they want to put forty-foot high buildings, twenty-five feet from our back fence, to shut out the light, allow those in to look down, into our oasis, bringing trash, noise and fear, pollution, glaring lights, rising crime...but, it's good for the town?

I dispute that wholehear-tedly, city plans from nineteen-sixty five, archaic and out-dated, not of our times. Single-family dwellings it's zoned for, and what it would stay, or des-ignated green-space where children can play.

Sometimes the good of the individual must be consid-ered. All on the street feel as I do, and, like us, have said if this happens, they'll be forced to move, and lose 10% of their home's value.

We need to stop this now, before it's too late, if they can do it to us, they can do it to you.

Thank you. I sincerely hope this is suitable for printing in this format.

Respectfully,
Kristine M. Nitzel
Wayne

Don't let local governments block tax reform

To the Editor:

Every homeowner in Michi-gan has a constitutional right to have his or her house as-sessed for property tax pur-poses at an amount not to exceed 50% of fair market value. This same constitu-tional safeguard applies to business property owners. For over 20 years, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce has been a leader in Michigan's tax limitation effort, fighting for tax relief for individuals and job providers. The pur-pose of this letter is to alert your readers to recent and troubling developments in southeast Michigan that threaten a fundamental princi-ple of tax fairness for all prop-erty owners.

In Michigan, both real prop-erty (land and buildings) and personal property (business equipment, machinery, and furnishings) are subject to the property tax. For over 30 years state government allowed lo-

cal assessors to use increas-ingly out-of-state depreciation tables to set the value of per-sonal property. This practice resulted in the widespread over-assessment of business property in violation of the State Constitution.

In 1997, state government started a process to right this wrong. The Governor and the Legislature agreed to spend \$600,000 to allow the State Tax Commission to hire a nationally-recognized consult-ing firm to study the problem and recommend an entirely new set of depreciation tables for all business personal prop-erty. Both business and local government had the oppor-tunity to participate in the property tax reform process conducted by the State Tax Commission. The reform pro-cess was fair, open, the subject of many public meetings, and a focus of legislative oversight.

This effort to block property tax reform must be stopped now, before it spreads. Today, it's energy companies that are being over-assessed. Tomor-row, it will be other busi-nesses. If state government allows business property owners to be taxed unfairly, homeowners may be next.

Sincerely,
E. James Barrett
President and CEO

Newburgh Heights Dental Group

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Peridontal Disease and Heart Disease:

Question: Is there a link between peridontal (gum) disease and heart disease?

Answer: Periodontal disease is an oftentimes painless infection of the gums, bone, and ligaments which attach the tooth to the jaws. You may, however, notice such symptoms as persistent bad breath, bleeding gums, loose teeth, or a change in the way you bite.

This disease is caused by specific bacteria which lives in the pockets between the teeth and gums. This bacteria can enter the blood stream and travel to major organs, possibly beginning new infections. The heart is one of the organs most susceptible to this type of infection.

One theory of how heart disease can be exacerbated by gum disease is that the bacteria from the mouth travels to the heart and attaches to the fatty plaques in the coronary arteries. This process contributes to clot formation. These clots obstruct blood flow, and lead to problems like angina and heart attacks.

There are other diseases to which periodontal disease has been linked, notably respiratory disease, diabetes, osteoporosis, premature and underweight births.



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If you have any dental questions for Dr. Schaub, send them to the above

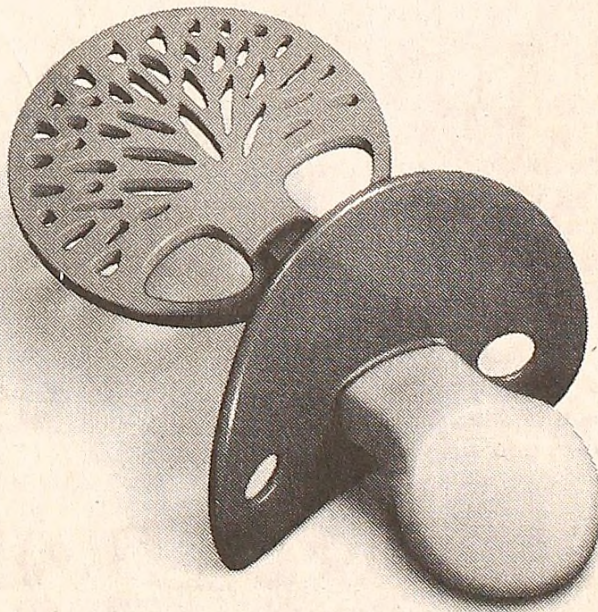
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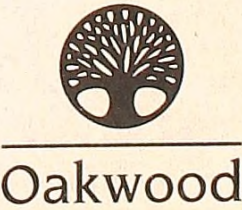
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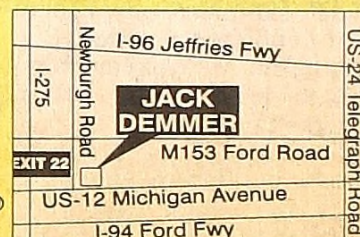
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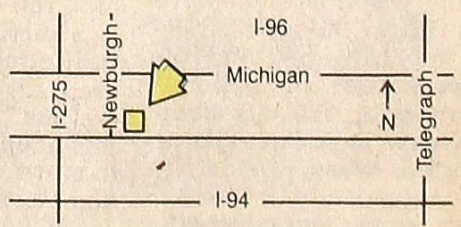
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Romulus on edge of title year

Eagles need one more win for share of title

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

After disposing of a pugnacious River Rouge last Tuesday, league-leading Romulus took a Friday night off for a well-deserved rest.

Coach Guy DelGiudice's Eagles, boasting a 11-1 overall and a 7-1 conference record as the second week of February commenced, are on the edge of claiming their first-ever Mega Conference, Red Division basketball championship.

To claim the coveted trophy, Romulus needs to win the next three of its final four games. In their path are Inkster, which should not be any problem for the Eagles because coach Bo Dukes has not won a game and his team lacks depth; Ypsilanti, which can be troublesome, and Belleville, which can be very troublesome.

Romulus will wrap up the Mega Red season at Willow Run on Feb. 18.

If Romulus wins two of three, they will have a share of

the crown; if they win all three, they will be undisputed champs. Belleville, with two divisional losses, remains in contention.

DelGiudice says he is not thinking "titles", but "only of the next opponent."

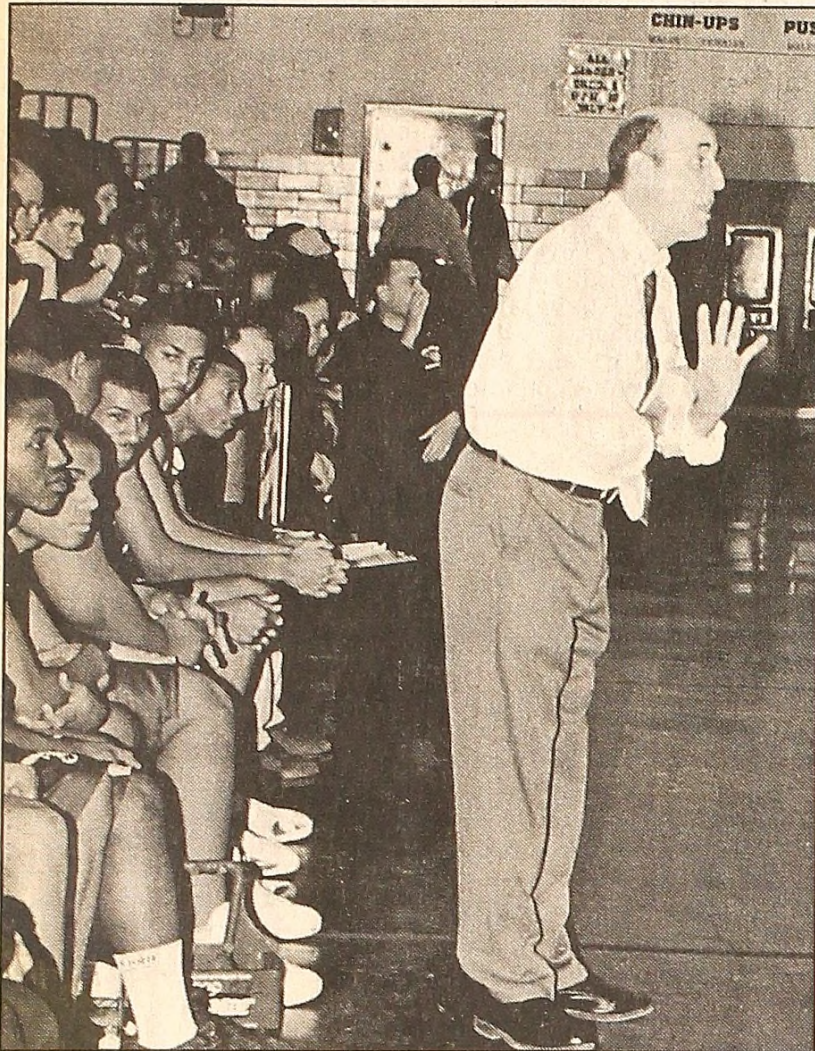
And next in line for the Eagles are the Ypsilanti's Braves, who they will meet Friday night at Ypsi. The league leaders will host Belleville Tuesday night.

Last Tuesday, Romulus encountered minor resistance

from Rouge, which arrived at Romulus without coach Lamonte Stone. Stone was suspended for one game after being slapped with two technical fouls during the Belleville encounter. Michigan High School Athletic Association rules calls for the suspension of any coach who receives two technicals in one game.

Rouge's defense, though focused on stopping 6-5 senior forward Kevin Thomas, was

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Romulus coach Guy DelGiudice (above) has his team moving toward a Mega Red Division title, but there are still three big obstacles, including Belleville, standing in his path. Photo by Brown's Special Services

Belleville stays 'alive'

Tigers rout Ypsi

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

With impressive victories over Inkster and Ypsilanti last week, Belleville remained very much alive in the Mega Conference, Red Division basketball title chase.

Despite two losses, one more than division leader, Romulus, coach Rod Fisher's Tigers could force the front-runners to share the title if they can win the rest of their games.

The Tigers, using their bench indiscriminately, took a 14-8 first period lead over Bo Dukes' Vikings, then roared to a 33-19 lead at halftime and never looked back after sewing it up, 61-37, thanks to the balanced scoring provided by Ken Harrison, Kris Miller and Jerriel Burrus.

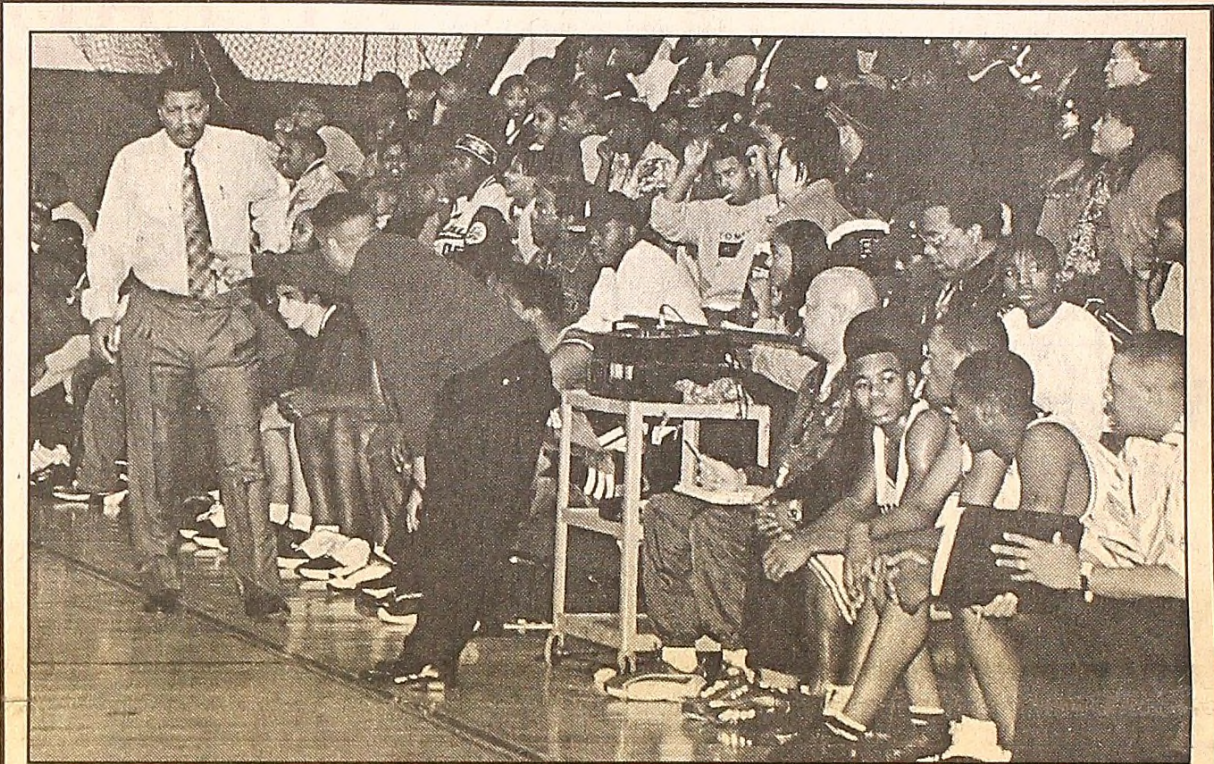
Belleville's defense held Inkster to single digits in the final two quarters as the Vikings put eight points on the scoreboard the third period and nine during the final eight minutes of the game.

Miller, a 6-3 junior, came up with 14 points, the tops for the game. Harrison had one less than his teammate and Burrus, a 5-9 sophomore guard, finished with 11.

Kentrail Fickling led the Vikings with 10 points. Randall Gaines and Darius Kincannon each scored seven points for the losers.

Inkster looked much improved, thanks to Gaines' season high 25 points, against a Willow Run team that won a 63-60 decision on Friday. The Flyers trailed at least four times in this Mega Conference Red division game and managed to make up the difference when forward Garrett Mason came up with some crucial baskets.

Mason, a forward, drilled 30 points to thwart Inkster's bid for its first victory. The Flyers had a slim 10-9 lead after the first period, but the Vikings



A rematch coming up?

Although they will meet only once during the regular season, Robichaud and coach Monte Dennard (far bench) and first-year Inkster coach Bo Dukes may find themselves locked in a battle for a district title. With the regular season slowly winding down, can the playoffs to far behind? Photo by Brown's Special Services

Wayne survives 2 OTs at Ypsi, falls to Rouge

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Wayne coach Chuck Henry should reschedule all of his future basketball games for Tuesday nights.

That's a night that the Zebras apparently are invincible. They beat Canton, Belleville, and Ypsilanti on Tuesday nights. But, as for their Friday night games, like last Friday against River Rouge, though they hang tough, they can't seem to put away their opponents.

Wayne fell 63-48 to Rouge, after scoring only three points in the first eight minutes.

Wayne came back and grabbed a 21-18 lead after they outscored their hosts 18-7 in the second period and the game remained close the rest of the way as Gary Johnson came through with two key baskets.

But Rouge capitalized on 10 of 16 free throws and Maurice Foster sank nine of his 14 points in the last quarter to put the Zebras away.

Johnson, who scored 17, shared individual scoring honors with Rouge's Courtney Haynes. Derrick Jackson, the Panthers' top scorer throughout the season, finished with 15.

In one of the best-played defensive games of the season, Wayne stashed away a big

"This probably was one of the best defensive games that I have ever been involved in as a coach."
- Chuck Henry

49-46 victory in double OT over Ypsilanti.

"This probably was one of the best defensive games that I have ever been involved in as a coach," noted Henry, who has coached for almost 25 years.

Ypsilanti forced the issue into an OT after outscoring their rivals, 10-4, in the final period. Both teams scored three points in the first overtime, but Wayne had the edge 6-3 in the second OT.

Wayne's Shane Nowak was a perfect 4 for 4 at the free throw line in the in the stretch. The Wayne senior also did an exceptional job guarding Ypsilanti's Top scorer, Jason Bird, who was shut out the first three quarters and finished with five points for the Braves.

Johnson had another good night. He finished with 24 points, six of those were threes.

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Salem bounces back to crush Farmington, 52-40

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

With the memory of the tragic death of one of their players fresh on their minds, Plymouth-Salem's basketball team returned to the hardwood Friday night and crushed Farmington 52-40 in a Western Lakes Conference basketball game.

Salem and coach Bob Brodie are mourning the loss of one of their own, Mark Bolger, who suffered a fatal seizure during the

halftime of the Livonia Stevenson game. An autopsy was performed by the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office to determine the cause of death.

The results of the examination will not be available for five to six weeks.

Salem got right down to work against a Farmington team that is one of the front-runners in the conference. The Rocks, behind the balanced scoring of Ryan Cook, Ryan Hayden and Matt McCaffrey jumped to a 18-6 lead and held on 27-15 at

"I felt we controlled the ball quite well in this game and didn't make too many mistakes. We played one of our better overall games."

- Bob Brodie

halftime before coasting by 12-points to their fourth win in seven conference starts.

It was only Farmington's second loss of the season. "I felt we controlled the ball quite well in this game

and didn't make too many mistakes," Brodie said afterwards. "We played one of our better overall games."

Cook, who scored 16 points, led all scorers. McCaffrey and Hayden each

tallied 10, while McCaffrey also contributed 15 rebounds to help the Rocks control the boards at both ends of the floor.

Salem faced always troublesome-for-them Northville Tuesday night on the home floor and they also are at home Friday night when North Farmington comes calling.

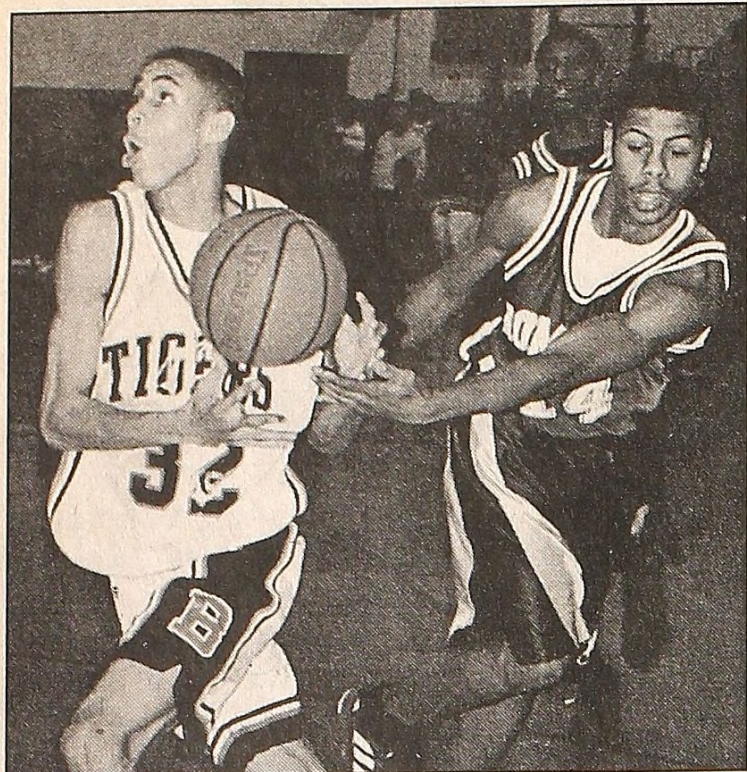
In the meantime, coach Danny Young and the Plymouth-Canton Chiefs finally put it all together at the expense of Livonia Franklin. With Kenny

Nether scoring a season's high 29 points and teammate Jason Waidmann come through with 24, the Chiefs routed Franklin 73-47 to boost their conference record to 5-3 on the year.

Earlier in the week, Canton wasted Nether's 15-point performance and fell to Farmington 55-46 in a conference match up.

Young and his Chiefs will head for Livonia Churchill Friday night. Churchill is a much-improved team which handed Westland John Glenn a setback last Friday.

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Hang on, there

Belleville junior guard Kris Miller (32) slips past a Romulus defender during their first round Mega Conference, Red Division game that went into Romulus' winning column. Miller has been instrumental in keeping the Tigers in the thick of the title race, and the rematch between the two teams next week may decide who will wear the conference crown if both win their next two games. Photo by Brown's Special Services

Eagles

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not successful as Thomas tossed in a game-high 31 points in leading the Eagles.

Two other Romulus players hit in double figures. Byron Cole came up with 17 points and Deon Solomon contributed seven rebounds, six ass-

ists and six steals to go along with his 13 points.

The Eagles led 20-17 after one period and widened the their advantage to 41-31 at halftime. Romulus had a 15-point spread (60-45) as the fourth quarter began.

Rouge's Lou Hamilton scored 15 and Derrick Jackson had 14 for the Panthers who canned 14 of 21 free throws as compared to Romulus's eight of 12.

Wayne

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Wayne was up 10-8 after one and held a slim 20-19 advantage at the half. The Zebras looked like they were going to break it open in the third period after they outscored their

rivals 16-11, but Ypsi came right back and tied it at 40 at the end of regulation.

Wayne took on Willow Run Tuesday night and will host Inkster Friday night before getting a reprieve from Mega Conference, Red Division competition on Tuesday when they travel to Ann Arbor to play Huron in a rare non-conference game.

Tigers

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came back behind Gaines' shooting to take the lead 25-23 at halftime. It was a 41-40 game after three.

Kincannon also reached double figures. He had 18.

Behind Harrison's 18 points, Belleville routed Ypsilanti, 61-51, while Will Lilly added 15 for the Tigers who entered the week of competition with a 10-2 overall and a 7-2 conference record.

Romulus

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points on three takedowns and White had three escapes.

"When Charlie took him (White) down in the third period, we all knew he had won," said Balcom. Thompson rode White the remaining one minute of the match.

Other notable performances were turned in by Andrew Blankenship at 171, who placed fourth in the tournament. Alan Brohl wrestled well despite losing a couple of

close matches in a stacked 152-pound weight division.

Alan also faced the returning state champ, Zimmar Pittman and a state runner-up, as well as three more state qualifiers in his weight class.

Jamie Henne and Reggie Steele also distinguished themselves on the mats.

"I am really pleased with their progress and our coaching staff is looking for them to be excellent wrestlers in the future.

Parometris Watkins (140) and Mike Moomaw (145) also battled hard throughout the tournament.

Tailspin continues

Rockets hit rock bottom after loss to Stevenson

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Off to their worst conference start in nearly 25 years, Westland John Glenn lost the duel between the winless conference teams and fell to Livonia Stevenson Friday night.

The Rockets are now all alone in the cellar of the Western Lakes Conference.

Winless in their five conference starts, Stevenson managed to hold tight to a 53-50 victory thanks to their defense and last quarter heroics by Mike Lenardon, Keshay McChristian and John Van Buren. All three finished in double figures for the Spartans who snapped their Western Lakes losing streak at five.

Glenn jumped out in front 5-0, but Stevenson came back on the strength of Brent Bogle's six (of his game's nine)

In a shootout to the end, the Spartans managed to maintain their lead, although Glenn tied the game at 44 and at 48.

points. Tied at 12, the Rockets came out ahead 15-12 when Fred Bogle sank a three-pointer as the buzzer sounded for the first period.

Stevenson came back and outscored the Rockets 14-12 to close within one point, 27-26, at halftime and the Spartans grabbed the lead for three periods, 38-36.

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Glenn's senior center Yaku Moton led all scorers with 16,

while Bogle finished with nine.

Lenardon's 13 points were topped for Stevenson. Teammates McChristian and Van Buren chipped in with 12 and 10, respectively.

A well-tuned Livonia Churchill hoop machine rolled past Glenn 72-60, despite the Rockets' balanced scoring attack. The Chargers, never a serious title contender in the conference, may have shed their doormat image.

The Rockets' defense had its problems stopping John Be-

nnett, who scored a game high 23 points. Churchill moved to a 16-13 lead after one, increased the margin to 38-26 and was never seriously challenged by this atypical Glenn team which was outscored 21-14 in the third eight minutes and trailed by as much as 19 points (59-40) going into the final quarter.

No Churchill team in recent basketball history has beaten Glenn in conference play.

Glenn's Eric Jones finished with 13 points, while Moton contributed 12 and Goree added 11 to a losing cause. The Rockets also had problems at the free throw line where they made 12 of 22.

It's *Coming Home Night* at Glenn Friday night and the Rockets will host none other than Farmington, a team that remains in contention for the title.

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Back-to-back losses dim Robichaud's title hopes

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

If Robichaud and coach Monte Dennard want to return to the Mega Conference, White Division title race they will have to do something about Dearborn and Highland Park, two of the conference powers.

In the wake of back-to-back losses - one to Taylor Truman Friday night, the Bulldogs' chances of catching divisional co-frontrunners, Monroe and Dearborn Fordson is slowly dimming.

"We have a couple of big games coming up," said Dennard, "but, right now we're concentrating on the Dearborn game. We need to eliminate the number of turnovers we're making which are creating our problems."

Robichaud placed three players in double figures in the Truman game, but it wasn't enough to offset strong individ-

"
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- Monte Dennard

ual performances from Truman's backcourt.

Truman's junior guards Sean Wilmoth and James Haley scored 21 points each to lift their team to a seven-point, 69-62, victory over their divisional opponents.

Robichaud responded with 12 points from Windell Winn, while Chris Walker was held to 11 - he usually contributes 20-plus per game. The Bulldogs also received 10 points from Arthur Harris.

Close down to the final whistle, the two teams were deadlocked at 29 at the intermission. Truman managed to

break away, thanks to their sharpshooting backcourt, to an eight point lead (49-41) for three periods.

Robichaud never overcame the deficit. The loss dropped the Bulldogs into a two-way tie for second place.

Coach Dennard said that "the game was a very physical one on both sides.

"Unfortunately, we lost it. You know, it is also really tough to play over there. It's not a shooter's gym."

In the rematch with Ypsilanti-Lincoln earlier in the week, Ypsi avenged its opening day loss to the Bulldogs, 68-66, as Corey Gupton hit the decisive basket with four seconds left on the clock.

Gupton finished with a team high 20 points.

Robichaud wasted another outstanding individual performance by Walker who tossed in a game high 32 points for the Bulldogs.

Canton is second-best at Dexter Invitational

Plymouth-Canton wrestlers finished second-best at the Dexter Invitational Wrestling Meet staged on Saturday.

The Chiefs came home with the second place trophy after taking on some of the toughest competition in the state in the form of Davidson and Ida, traditionally wrestling powerhouses.

Canton faced Davidson as its first test and "we probably wrestled our best meet of the year," noted Canton coach John Demsick. "We won that one by a significant margin."

However, the Canton team

may have paid dearly for the victory. They lost one of their captains, Joe Faraone, to a hand injury.

Ida proved too much for Demsick's Chiefs, although Canton managed to handle the other team as they earned their sixth trophy in seven tournaments.

Davidson was shy a couple of their key performers, but Canton was pumped up and ready to go.

"We seemed sluggish in our first matches at our last invitational and knowing we were to

wrestle Davidson first, we knew we could not afford another slow start," the Canton coach stressed. "I was especially proud of Kevin Rodriguez beating John Whitman, a state qualifier, in overtime 8-6. Ida was 16-5 to our 15-4 going into the tournament, so we knew we were similar. We just couldn't pull off beating them."

Without the injured Faraone in their lineup, the Canton-Ida match up went down to the final match, and it didn't go Canton's way.

Chiefs present mat captain with shutout, 77-0

It was their captain's final home meet, so the Plymouth-Canton's Chiefs wanted to give John Pocock something to remember as a send-off gift.

And they did.

For the first time in Canton's wrestling history, the Chiefs blanked Farmington Hills Harrison, 77-0, in a Western Lakes Conference dual meet.

The Chiefs had dedicated the night to Pocock, then followed through on their promise that they would win every single match.

Pocock also did his part by winning his 95th high school career victory. He pinned his opponent in 1:27.

"Our goal was to wrestle intensely and bring in a spec-

tacular win for John, and still show the other team respect in the way we shook their hand and encouraged them. I felt that we are maturing as a team enough that the Harrison wrestlers wouldn't get too down on themselves.

"The only thing worse than being a poor loser is being a poor winner. I'm glad we didn't see that sort of stuff from either team," Demsick added.

Pocock, along with teammates Doy Demsick, Greg Musser, Shahein Rajace and Derek McWatt, won their matches on falls. The fastest pin of the evening went to Doy Demsick, who took all of 19 seconds to dispose of his opponent.

Mike Siegrist, wrestling up a weight class, earned a technical fall, 22-5, for the Chiefs.

WYAA sets date for baseball, softball

Westland Young Athletic Association officials announced this week that they are signing up players for the summer baseball and softball leagues.

Players, ages 4 to 18, are welcomed to register between the hours of 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays and from 10 to noon on Saturday at the WYAA

Lange Compound, located on Farmington Road, two block north of Ford Road. WYAA traditionally has fielded scores of boys baseball and girls' softball teams.

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Former resident urges Inkster council to forge ties with Honolulu

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Extending her ambassadorial hands across an ocean, a former Inkster resident living in Hawaii wants to build a verbal bridge between Honolulu and the city of Inkster.

Debra Adams, a Robichaud High graduate who is living in Hawaii, was invited by one of her former classmates, Mayor Hilliard Hampton, to meet with the administration and the council to discuss plans for establishing "Sister Cities"

**"Children are our future."
- Debra Adams**

ties with Honolulu.

Adams, visiting with her parents in Inkster, told council that she presently works with children in Hawaii, and that establishing relations with Inkster would enrich the lives of children both in the cities of Inkster and Honolulu through their exchange, albeit via computers, letters, or personal visits.

"Children are our future,"

Adams stressed. "And I am working with children from all over the world. I would like to see a partnership between our two cities involved through the Sister Cities concept."

Hampton told council he has had the opportunity to view some of the film and video that Adams had brought with her, and Hampton said he was very much enthused at the Sister City project.

Councilwoman Naomi James supported the program, and asked for more information.

"It is a great idea and I feel

we should pursue this," James offered.

However, councilman Ernest Hendricks reminded council that the city at one time had been involved in a similar program, with a German city.

"We were once a part of the Sister Cities program, in fact, one of our residents (Fanny Johnson) had an opportunity to host a German student during one of the summer."

Hendricks added he did not know when the city decided to disassociate itself from the program.

Council agreed, in concept, that the Sister Cities is an excellent program, and re-

quested that Adams provide more information about the project.

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William D. Ford Career Center to host Open House on Feb 16

The William D. Ford Career Technical will host an Open House next week that will focus upon a wide range of careers and opportunities.

The Open House, called 2000: A Career Odyssey will be staged from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 16 at the Ford Career Technical Center, located at 36455 Marquette.

Officials at the career center say that there will be technical demonstrations and tours of all 20 programs which include accounting, automated manufacturing/machining (CAM), automotive technology, child care, computer aided design (CAD), cosmetology culinary arts, data processing, desktop publishing, health occupation, media production, office/word processing, printing technology and welding technology.

**The Open House,
called 2000: A
Career Odyssey will
be staged from 6:30
to 9 p.m. on Feb. 16.**

The culinary arts program will have cooking and baking demonstrations and light refreshments.

Visitors can also see the new Technical Education Manufacturing Lab.

At the same time Project Team - Technical Education Academic Manufacturing - will hold an open house in room 150 at John Glenn High School.

Project Team is a program developed by businesses and educators for high school students who are interested in

combining industry experience with applied course work in mathematics, principles of technology and communications art.

Project team is also a unique opportunity available through the Career/Technical Center.

Officials stress that the business/education partnership program has won the governor's Career Prep System "Innovators to Watch" Award, American Society of Employers Award of Excellence in Human Resources and Michigan Association of School Boards Michigan's Best Educational Excellence Award.

For more information about the Ford Career Center and the Feb. 16 Open House please contact Rick Hammrick, principal, at 734/595-2135.

Committee plans Inaugural Ball

Glenda McKinnie, chairperson, and members of the Hilliard L. Hampton, Jr. Inaugural Ball Committee, have finalized the details for the "event" of the year for the city of Inkster.

The ball is set for Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex, located at 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.

The festivities will begin at 7 p.m.

Talented musicians will provide entertainment that will appeal to every age group, beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at 1 a.m.

Tickets are \$30 per person and they may be obtained by contacting Theola Jones at 313/561-3918.

Women's rights workshop scheduled

The Michigan region of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and Groundwork for a Just World is planning a workshop from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday (Feb. 12) at Marygrove College.

The purpose of the workshop is to continue the work begun by the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women which was staged in Beijing, China in 1995.

Those participating in the "Women of Faith - Voices of Change" gathering at Marygrove College are part of a growing number of women meeting nationally and internationally to work to implement the Platform for Action - Women's Rights are Human Rights.

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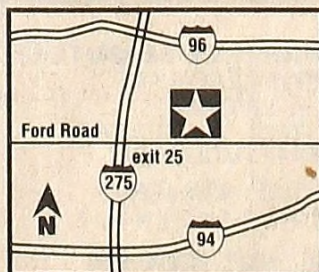
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Golden anniversary couples will be honored on Monday...

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Marriages they say are made in heaven.

But after 50 years, golden wedded bliss couples will be invited to the Old Country Buffet in Westland for a free Valentine's feast.

"Come on in all you Valentine's Day celebrants, who have been married for half a century or more, and enjoy a free lunch or dinner on us," Rebecca Harris of the Old Country Buffet at 6539 N. Wayne Road in Westland urges.

The free meal hours Monday are from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Couples need only to bring in a copy of their wedding certificate to qualify for

"Valentine's Day is all about the heart."
- Kerry Kramp

the free meal.

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"This is a place where we all feel at home," one couple was heard to exclaim. "It's nostalgia trip" added another.

In addition to the Valentine's Day bash, Harris revealed the Old Country Buffet will search out the couple married the longest.

That couple will be invited back on Tuesday, presented with a bouquet of flowers and given a second free meal in two days.

C'mon gramps mark Monday on the calendar and enjoy!

Free tax counseling is offered

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Free income tax counseling will be offered each Tuesday until April 11 at the Parkview Room at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Morning and afternoon appointments are available, but need to be made in advance by calling 734-397-5444.

Arrangements can also be made for homebound visits. The program is sponsored by the AARP.

Canton senior citizens will mark Paczki Day from 9 to 11 a.m. March 7 in the Oak Room of the Summit.

Observers at the Senior Program say this is the one day a year that nutrition rules are not to be followed. To make reservations call the Senior Program at 397-5444.

Get those shamrock's ready...St. Patrick's Day is not far away.

Canton senior citizens are urged to attend the annual St. Patrick's Day Party in the Banquet Facility on the Summit from noon to 4 p.m. March 17.

There will be plenty of tasty food items, entertainment by Johnny Chase and door prizes.

Tickets costing \$10 for residents and \$12 for non-residents are now available.

The menu will include roast sirloin, mashed potatoes with gravy, tossed salad, green beans with almonds on the side, rolls with butter, coffee and soda.

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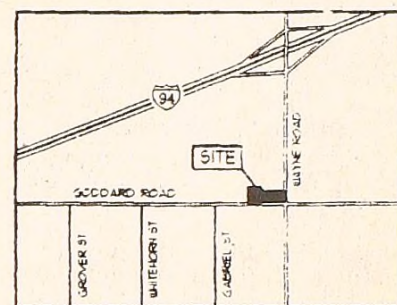
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Please be advised, that the City of Romulus Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Wednesday, February 23, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of the meeting is to consider PC-2000-009, a request for Special Use Land Approval for expansion and site improvements at the Mobil Gasoline Station located at 35462 Goddard Road in an C-3 (Highway Service) zoned district.



All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 23, 2000 and should be addressed to Bradley Raymond, Director, Building, Safety and Engineering Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Private tax help being offered

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A private tax consultant will be available for servicing Westland senior citizen needs at the Senior Resources Department beginning next Tuesday.

Appointments are needed and a fee may be charged, Sylvia A. Kozorosky-Wiacek said.

The tax helper will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A fee of \$20 will be accepted from single people making \$9,000 or couples making over \$12,000. A \$25 fee will be accepted at the discretion of the tax helper depending on the time needed to prepare the tax forms.

For more information on fees call 734-722-7632.

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•Keep yourself busy with other, non-smoking activities, such as exercising.

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February 10, 2000

News from area churches

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

Music director off to Florida

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Peter Dodge, a former Romulus and Canton area Christian music director, has moved to a new assignment in Lake Worth, Fla.

Dodge, who resided for years in Belleville, assumed a new expanded position as program director of the Lakeside United Methodist Church.

Most recently he was employed as music and arts director of the Canton Friendship Church, a newly formed church seeking to bring the un-

churched members of society back into the pews.

Dodge, a one time Belleville city council candidate, also for a number of years served as music and youth director of the Community United Methodist Church of Romulus during the period while the Rev. J.D. Landis served as church pastor.

Senior Pastor Mike Norton of the Canton church said that Dodge was so skilled at training people in music styles that several volunteers within the church will assume various roles Dodge filled in the past.



Peter Dodge

The Salvation Army disaster services team is currently in Ventura County in California, aiding with the aftermath of the Alaska Airlines flight disaster.

The Army deployed two mobile canteens to Point Muro Naval Station near the crash site last week and worked through the nights providing food and beverages to search and rescue workers.

Other Army personnel on-site provided counseling for relatives of crash victims at the San Francisco, Seattle/Tacoma and Washington airports after the disaster was reported.

Other officers worked closely with the lead chaplain to minister to rescue workers and grieving families as bodies were recovered from the waters and placed in an on-site morgue.

Financial assistance for the disaster services can be dropped off at local Salvation Army Corps offices in Westland, Dearborn Heights or Plymouth.

The annual spaghetti dinner sponsored by the First United Methodist Church of Wayne's Youth Fellowship is

slated from 5 to 7 p.m. Feb. 11 in the church's fellowship hall. The cost of tickets is \$6.50 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and \$3.50 for children ages 5 to 12.

The dinner includes all you can eat spaghetti and bread, salad, dessert and beverages.

The church is located at 3 Towne Square in Wayne.

More than 130 persons

joined in the Romulus Salvation Army's annual Sobriety and Awards Banquet ceremonies this past Sunday afternoon.

Major Brian Merritt said 78 beneficiaries (those currently being treated for substance abuse problems at the center) were given honor cards for not touching alcohol or other drugs from a week to six months.

Community recognition Sunday being planned

Parks Memorial A.M.E. Church of Romulus is planning its annual Community Recognition Sunday on Feb. 27.

The service will be conducted at 11 a.m. that day at the church located at 11547 Grover St. in Romulus.

St. Raphael's Parish of Garden City is planning its annual Shamrock Shuffle card party at 7 p.m. March 15.

The party will be held in the church's Activities Building on Merriman St., one block north of Ford Road in Garden City.

Tickets cost \$6 including dessert, coffee, blarney bags and door prizes.

Father George Charnley, pastor of St. John Neuman Parish in Canton, revealed the church will mark its 25th anniversary on May 12, 2001.

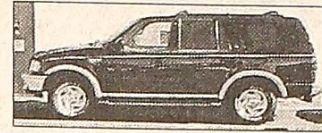
Father Charnley said he is looking for church members, who have been involved since the church began, those who have been part of the parish for 10 years and others who have joined recently (like one month ago).

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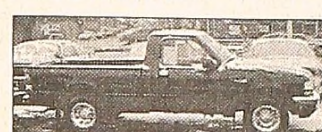
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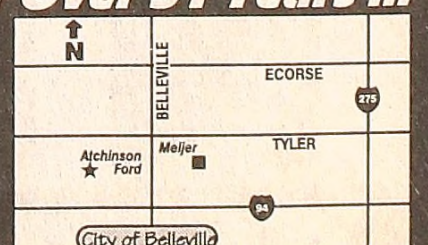
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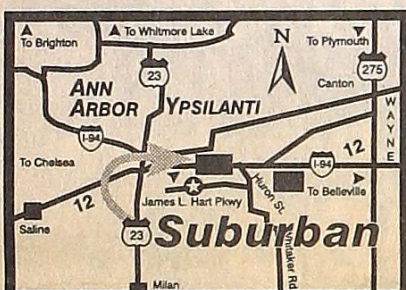
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